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### Message from the Director, Training and Exercise

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I would like to welcome everyone to this month's newsletter.

I believe that many of you know Jan Kimmell, my supervisor and Assistant Director for the Preparedness Section of ADEM. Recently Jan announced her retirement, she has selected May 6<sup>th</sup> as her last day. We will be holding a retirement party for Jan on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Russell Auditorium at 5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, 85008.

If you wish to attend Jan's retirement party please RSVP no later than Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to Kathy Walker at [katherine.walker@azdema.gov](mailto:katherine.walker@azdema.gov).

Thanks for all that you do for the State of Arizona.....John

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### Special Announcements

#### ADEM Instructor Workshops:

- Show Low – 4/20 – 1001191
- Flagstaff – 4/27 – 1001192
- Phoenix – TBD – 1001370 (for state employees)
- Gilbert – 5/11 – 1001193

ADEM Training now has a generic email address for those who are not sure where to send correspondence. Email sent to [training@azdema.gov](mailto:training@azdema.gov) will go to all of our training coordinators.

### Accounting and Finance

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By registering on ProcureAZ, instructors may begin to receive invitation to bid emails for opportunities outside of ADEM's Training & Exercise Office. These invitations are based on the commodity codes you entered when you setup your vendor account in ProcureAZ. For those instructors who do not wish to receive opportunities to bid on other projects with the State of Arizona, you will need to log onto your ProcureAZ account and click on the commodity and codes tab. From there just delete all codes except 918-38. Procurement has informed me that the main code for our adjunct instructors to use is 918-38. While we can't prevent all invitation to bid emails from going through we can cut down on the amount by adjusting the commodity codes that are chosen. Should you have any questions please contact the help desk at 602.542.7600 or [procureaz@azdoa.gov](mailto:procureaz@azdoa.gov).

### FEMA/ICS Training Programs

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**All** ADEM Adjunct Instructors are now required to complete the **IS265: Basic Instructional Skills** course. See Michelle's section for detailed information.

I want to welcome the following new instructors:

Frank Salomon: PIO Instructor

Michelle Smith: Special Needs Population Instructor

John Wisner: HSEEP and ICS Instructor

Linda Mason: Multi-Hazards for Schools and PIO Instructor

Thank you to Sierra Vista and Yuma for hosting our first two instructor workshops. The feedback we are receiving is great and we value your input to better our instructor program. Next stop, Show Low!

### FEMA Certificates Only Classes, MHEPS, CERT TtT Programs

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**All** ADEM Adjunct Instructors are now required to complete the **IS265: Basic Instructional Skills** course. If you have already completed your one online continuing education/professional development for this year you can complete this course after May 4, 2011 to meet next year's requirements. The course is located on the FEMA/EMI website – <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is265.asp>.

ADEM is presenting **MAG366: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters** on June 29, 2011 at PPMR in the JIC Classroom. If you're interested in instructing this course in the future you should take this course, Event #1001293.

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. ~Alvin Toffler

Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death. ~Albert Einstein

### Hazardous Materials & Homeland Security Programs (ADEM Funded & Certificates Only)

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I know I promised some HazMat Technicians refresher training, and it will be coming soon! Now that we have access to our HazMat grant funds, I will be hosting various modules of the Technician program across the state for current HazMat Techs, as well as using this as an opportunity for HazMat Tech instructors to get practice teaching. Keep an eye out for these special calls for instructors.

Arizona's Technical Rescue Technician program is out for review to all AZ stakeholders that expressed an interest in reviewing and providing input to the program. If you are one of the lucky few that received a copy for review, please be sure to provide your comments to me as soon as possible. If you're conducting a TRT class, you can send your comments after the completion of your class.

The Security and Emergency Response Training Center has a new federally funded program for *Leadership and Management of Surface Transportation Incidents*. Travel is paid upfront by SERTC. Apply at [www.sertc.org](http://www.sertc.org).

### State Exercise

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Now that the Federally evaluated Palo Verde exercise is behind us, I actually was able to take a few minutes of downtime. I am now off and running with the 2011 Statewide Exercise. There will be multiply opportunities coming for training and other exercises in support of the 2011 Exercise. The first event will be a Seminar, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the seminar is Response and Consequence to an Improvised Nuclear Device. The topics will cover First Responders' response including FD and PD, State response to include ARRA (Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency), EMAC and the FBI's response. The consequence portion will include the topics Public Information, Special Needs, EMP, Telemedicine and a few others. The official invite will be sent by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### State Exercise

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I learned a great deal from observing and participating in our Federally evaluated Palo Verde exercise last month. Following the exercise, I played the role of an evacuee during the Palo Verde RCC Drill.

I am excited to be assisting our Dept of Health Service on their upcoming full-scale exercise in support of our 2011 Statewide exercise. This gives me a better perspective on how medical facilities prepare for a disaster.

I have also learned an extensive amount of information about Wildland Fires and I am anxious to attend my first Wildland Fire Tabletop exercise this month.

### Special Needs Populations/State Exercise

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We had a very successful Disabilities and Emergency Management conference 9-10 March. Nancy Ward the Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 9 attended. One of the topics discussed was California's Functional Assessment Support Teams program. Essentially when shelters open these FAST Teams deploy and assist in obtaining the assets necessary to provide Functional Needs Support Services in the Shelters. I will be attending the FAST Training 6-7 April with the intent of evaluating that program for use in Arizona. Another outcome of the Conference was the beginning of conversations to improve the way we provide services here in Arizona. We need to continue moving forward on that process. Lou has a lot of ideas and is going to keep me busy. As we get farther on in the process I will be forming some working groups to address those ideas.

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March was busy with 3 days of successful FEMA evaluated plume and ingestion pathway exercises and a successful Reception and Care Center Exercise in support of Palo Verde. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of these exercises. March also saw dozens of inquiries concerning the incident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan. Nuclear power is back in the spotlight for the first time since the Chernobyl incident in 1986, so look for a significant national review of nuclear power plant emergency preparedness in the next couple of years.

### State Plans

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**"EVACUATE BEFORE CONTAMINATE"**--phrase coined by Mr. Lou Trammell, Director, ADEM, during the Palo Verde Exercise in March, 2011.6

The Palo Verde Exercise held in early March 2011 at the State Emergency Operations Center was a great refresher for all agencies. The actual events in Japan that occurred just one week later underscored why agencies must prepare, plan, train, and exercise together. I know you as instructors are doing all you can to motivate your students to do just that. Thank you for your efforts!--Mariano